

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

When Sinclair decided not to air ABC's Nightline when they were reading the names of the soldiers who died in Combat in Iraq. I was appalled. Why is it okay to do so at the Vietnam wall, and every anniversary of September 11th, but not for the fallen in Iraq? Because to do so makes George Bush look bad, and the Sinclair executive who came on accusing ABC of being biased is obviously living on Planet Bush. Consequently by living in an area with a Sinclair station my rights were impinged due to Sinclair's Censorship. Last time I checked this was still America and the free public airwaves were not to be used for biased censorship.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

If CBS can be fined for the "Janet Jackson incident" and FOX can be censored for indecency in one of their reality shows, then why isn't Sinclair prevented from using the airwaves for political purposes?

Sinclair needs to be taken to task, harshly and swiftly. This is unacceptable in the United States of America.

Thank you.